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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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### NEWS RELEASE



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#### DISTRICTS 11 AND 15 DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY REVISIONS

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today **revisions to the previously announced opening of the Districts 11 and 15 drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below**, beginning on Sunday, July 21, 2013.

Additional Taku River sockeye assessment data received this week has resulted in a significant increase in the projected above-border component of the run. This gives the US an increased total allowable catch of Taku River sockeye and allows for a more liberal opening of **one additional day in District 11**.

The current cumulative weir count of 19,500 Chilkoot Lake sockeye salmon projects a final escapement well within the desired goal range. Therefore, the **six-inch minimum mesh size restriction for Section 15-C will not be in effect**.

**The opening for Districts 11 and 15 are revised as follows:**

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude, to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude (inside markers);

Gillnet Mesh Size Restriction: from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24, south of the latitude of Circle Point (from the marker at approximately 58°07.76' N. latitude), gillnets must have a minimum mesh size of six inches.

**Section 11-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**, in the waters of Lynn Canal west of a line beginning at a point within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal at the latitude of Point Sherman, to Eldred Rock Light, to the southernmost tip of Talsani Island, to the northernmost tip of Talsani Island, to Seduction Point, with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude from the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.04' N. latitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and in all remaining waters of Section 15-C south of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73' N. latitude.

**Note: no mesh restriction.**

Section 15-C: The Boat Harbor THA will be open until further notice in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and south to a point 2.4 miles north of Point Whidbey at 58°36.96' N. latitude.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3013.

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